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$$\begin{bmatrix} H_2C & S \\ CI & NH & S \end{bmatrix}_2 (IV) \quad H_2C & NH & S^-M^+ \quad (V) \quad H_3C & S & CI \quad (VI)$$

(57) Abstract

The invention relates to a process for the preparation of 2-chloro-5-chloromethyl-thiazole, which is employed as intermediate in the preparation of compounds having a pesticidal action, which process comprises reacting a compound of formula (II), in free form or in salt form, (III), (IV), (V) or (VI) with a chlorinating agent, where R and M<sup>+</sup> are as defined in claim 1; to the compounds of the formulae (III) and (IV), which are used in this process as intermediates; and to the use of, and a process for the preparation of, the compounds of formulae (III) and (IV).